

incorporated into the Specification, as indicted by the Examiner. Upon approval by the Examiner ad upon issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Applicants will make these changes formal.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

--A method of improving the recognition accuracy of a speech recognizer. The method includes deploying the speech recognizer in an environment to receive live input data. The live input data is used as inputs to a given speaker independent adaptation algorithm as it is recognized. The algorithm is then used to enhance the accuracy of the speech recognizer without human supervision. This technique is useful for adapting a large vocabulary ASR engine.--

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sabourin (US Patent No. 6,208,964). Claims 1-16 are pending. In response, independent claim 1 and 14 have been amended to overcome the cited art; support for the amended claims can be found at least on page 11, lines 5-10. New claim 16 has been added; support for the new claim can be found at least on page 20, ine 16 through page 21, line 9.

Applicants have also amended the Abstract and Specification to obviate the objections by the Examiner. As noted above Figs. 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B, have been deleted from the Drawing and incorporated into the Specification.